THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The RPO dealers commission is revised every year on the basis of a formula which takes into account the increase in the wages based on the increase in All India Consumer Price Index.

(b) to (d) Various representations have been received for revising the rates of commission. A Committee constituted is examining the demands raised by the Dealers for revision in the commission.

मध्य प्रदेश की लम्बित पड़ी जल-आपूर्ति और मल-निकास योजनाएं

***414. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:**

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के बीस हजार से अधिक आबादी वाले शहरों की उन जल-आपूर्ति और मल-निकास योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है जो केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास स्वीकृति हेतु लम्बित पड़ी हैं; और

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा उन योजनाओं को कब तक अपनी स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दिए जाने की संभावना है?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. यू. वेंकटस्वरलू): (क) 20,000 से अधिक आबादी वाले निम्नलिखित 2 (दो) कस्बों की जल-आपूर्ति स्कीमें तकनीकी अनुमोदन के लिए विचाराधीन हैं :

(i) बस्तर जिले में कांडा गांव ग्राम के लिए जल-आपूर्ति स्कीम

इस गांव के लिए 330.00 लाख रुपये की अनुमानित लागत की यह स्कीम तकनीकी अनुमोदन के लिए जून, 1992 में शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में मिली थी। स्कीम की जांच की गयी और उस पर तकनीकी टिप्पणी राज्य के लोक स्वास्थ्य इंजीनियरी विभाग को अक्तूबर, 1992 में सूचित कर दी गयी थी। उसके बाद, अनुस्मारक देने के बावजूद भी, कोई जवाब न मिलने पर यह मामला नवम्बर, 1996 में बन्द कर दिया गया और तदनुसार इसकी सूचना राज्य सरकार को दे दी गयी। लेकिन हमारी टिप्पणियों पर राज्य के लोक स्वास्थ्य के इंजीनियरी विभाग से हाल ही में अब 16.12.96 को एक जवाब मिला है।

(ii) बिलासपुर जल-आपूर्ति वृद्धि स्कीम

यह स्कीम 1147.00 लाख रुपये की अनुमानित लागत से तकनीकी अनुमोदन हेतु फरवरी, 1996 में मिली। इसकी तकनीकी जांच की गयी और अगस्त, 1996 में टिप्पणियां राज्य लोक स्वास्थ्य इंजीनियरी विभाग को सूचित कर दी गयीं। इन टिप्पणियों पर राज्य लोक स्वास्थ्य इंजीनियरी विभाग का जवाब 16.12.96 को प्राप्त हुआ है।

अन्य स्कीमें स्पष्टीकरण के लिए मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को वापस भेजी गयी हैं।

(ख) अगर स्कीम प्रस्ताव तकनीकी दृष्टि से उपयुक्त पाये गये, तो उन स्कीमों का तत्परता से अनुमोदन कर दिया जाएगा।

Space travel by Indians

*415. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Indians who have gone to space uptil now;

(b) what is their present status, condition and what are they doing now;

(c) whether any of them are facing any health problem related to their travel to space; and

(d) whether any study is being conducted on them after their return?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Till now only one Indian has gone to space, namely Sqn. Ldr. Rakesh Sharma of Indian Air Force (IAF) on 03 April, 1984 during Indo-Soviet Joint Manned Space flight.

(b) Shri Rakesh Sharma has retired from IAF and is presently working as Dy. Chief Test Pilot (Fixed Wing) with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Bangalore.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Studies were conducted in USSR jointly by Russian and IAF specialist medicai officers immediately on return from space extending over a few weeks till the effects of space travel

ceased fully. No further studies were considered necessary.

Wind Power Projects in the Country

*416. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many wind power projects are there presently in the country, alongwith their generation capacity and actual generation during 1995-96;

(b) the number of such projects in Madhya Pradesh, with their generation capacity and actual generation;

(c) whether any cost comparison on wind power vis-a-vis solar power generation is available;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether running/recurring cost on solar power generation is much less; and

(0 if so, the reasons for not setting up of more solar plant manufacturing facilities and power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER & MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) A total wind power capacity of 818 MW has been installed in the country at 36 locations in 8 States. Over 1.7 billion units have been fed to the respective State grids from these projects so far. Of this, about 500 million units were generated during 1995-96.

(b) A total capacity of 8 MW has been established at two locations in Madhya Pradesh, 0.59 MW at Kheda and 7.43 MW at Jamgodarani. Nearly, 8 million units have been generated from these projects so far.

(c) and (d) Firm comparative cost figures are not available for wind power vis-a-vis solar power as no large scale commercial solar power projects have been established in the country so far. The cost of generation from wind power projects varies from Rs. 2.00-2.50 per KWh depending upon the site and taking into account the various incentives available.

(e) The capital cost of Solar Power Projects are expected to be higher than the capital cost of wind power projects. However, the running cost of wind power and solar power projects is comparable as reurring fuel cost is not involved in both the cases.

(f) does not arise.

Recommendationss of P. Murari Committee

*417. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 143 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1996 and state:

(a) the details of the recommendations of the P. Murari Committee accepted by Government;

(b) whether the problem of Indian fishermen has been overcome with the implementation of the recommendations; if so, the what extent;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is some legal impediment in cancelling the licences of MNCs given by Government in deep sea fishing; and

(d) if so, the stand taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (d) All the recommendations of the Review Committee on Deep Sea Fishing Policy have been accepted by the Government in principle.

Action has already been initiated to implement the recomendations of the Review Committee. The recommendations regarding further restricting the fishing areas of deep sea fishing vessels operating under Charter and New Deep Sea Fishing Policy, 1991 will lead to availability of larger area for exploitation by traditional fishermen and mechanised boat operators. Other recommendations relating to training and assistance to traditional fishermen for taking up deep sea fishing and recommendation regarding extending/ strengthening continuing activities like infrastructure development etc. will also be beneficial to the traditional fishermen.